

Needles from the PINES

August/September 2022

Newsletter of the Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc.



Celebrating 60 Years

Welcome BACK to SCHOOL

August 10th Is the Start of the School Year!

"Annual Meetings of the Membership"

Our "Annual Meetings of the Membership" will be the *Annual Meeting* followed by the *Regular Meeting* on October 12, 2022. The purpose of the *Annual Meeting* is the presentation of the annual report and to elect our 2023 officers. The purpose of the *Regular Meeting* is for general business to include office and committee reports. For more information please refer to page 5 for more information.

The next regular meetings will be on August 10th & September 14, 2022

Winter Park Pines Association meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

All residents are invited to attend.

Due to Covid-19 all meetings are held via Zoom until further notice. If you would like to attend, please send an email with your name and address for the Zoom link bentaylor1984@gmail.com

You can get all your WP Pines news and information in **FULL COLOR** on Nextdoor, the Winter Park Pines Facebook page and at www.winterparkpines.com.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE WINTER PARK PINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. (WPPCA) is a not-for-profit corporation organized in 1962 for the residents of the Winter Park PINES subdivision in northeast Orange County. It is a totally volunteer association established to inform the residents of the 901 homes and enhance the value of living in the PINES.

WPPCA has as its mission the support of its residents through ongoing enhancement programs. These programs are accomplished through active interaction with Orange County officials, agencies and information via its newsletter, Needles from the PINES.

WPPCA's purpose is to foster effective neighborhood relations and to forge a spirit of harmony throughout the PINES. The association accomplishes this purpose with the highest standards and professionalism and integrity.

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Feel free to contact specific Board Members whom you think are on a committee or in a position that can best address your needs. We are your volunteer Board and welcome you to become involved in a spirit of community.

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Needles from the Pines is a bi-monthly publication distributed by the Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc. (WPPCA). The editorial material and the content of the newsletter are discretionary to the WPPCA Board. The newsletter is completed a month prior to the distribution. The WPPCA website provides those with internet access with event schedules, membership and volunteer application forms, photos of community activities, Yard-of-the-Month digital photographs, contact information as well as important documents such as the bylaws, meeting minutes, and past issues of the Needles.

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**SERVING THE
PINES COMMUNITY...**

Condolences: The Board would like to send sympathy cards to members who have lost someone dear. It is our hope that remembrance can offer comfort during difficult times. If you know of a deceased resident you would like us to remember, contact Denise Ertler by phone at 407-671-1823 or via email at deniseertler@gmail.com.

Friends and Neighbors: Do you need emergency help with odd jobs around the house and yard? Your WPPCA Board may be able to help you. We have the resources and contacts to make things happen. All requests for assistance will be considered on an individual basis. We cannot guarantee anything, we will give it a try! If you are interested in what can be done, please contact one of your Board members.

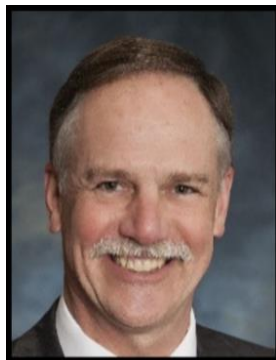
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Calling all writers.... We are always looking for articles to be published in the Needles. If you would like to write an article that would be of interest to your fellow residents please submit it to us. It could be on any topic of public interest or useful tips to share. Please send by the 10th of the month to the Needles Editor at deniseertler@gmail.com. If you have a suggestion of what you would like to see in the Needles also let us know.



Peter H. Mason
WPPCA President



**FROM ONE NEIGHBOR TO ANOTHER
A PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

First, I would like to thank the Winter Park Pines Community for all the well wishes and support that has been given to myself and my family over the last couple of months. It has been a challenging few months with my illness but every day is a better day.

You ever wonder what the Pines as a neighborhood would be without a WPP Association? When they say it takes a village...it does! Your WPP Board, Directors and Committees have been exceptionally dedicated to keeping our community the best it can be. The Pines is not an HOA. But as a small group of conscientious homeowners ourselves, we strive to improve the Pines by using our resources to protect and enhance our property value, insure our neighborhood is safe, involve the community with family events and to make it so we are an inviting place to live and raise a family.

But as it sometimes seems, when we believe we have one situation under control another pops up. For instance...it took years to have our beautiful new sign installed at the mall entrance and as soon as it was completed we have an incident on the south end of the front mall. But...your Board members are on top of the situation.

In October, the Winter Park Pines hold their "Annual Elections to the Board." It is when newly elected (or reelected) appointees are brought into the Association. This is where you come into play. Many of our Board/Directors and Committee members wear a multitude of hats. Many have been on the board for a number of years and are ready to step down. You as Pines residents can enrich the association by coming part of it! You can bring in new innovative ideas and find ways to enhance our community; social suggestions are always needed.

To see how your association works for you, join us and participate in a monthly meeting. It takes about an hour of your time to zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

This is your neighborhood! Be a conscious contributor. Where would the Pines be without a WPP Association?

National Night Out

By Amy Turner

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

In years past, The Winter Park Pines have hosted pool parties, block parties and ice cream parties in honor of National Night Out.

SAVE THE DATE - October 4, 2022

Event Time & Location TBD

Information will be posted on the Winter Park Pines FB page.



Our New Wall

By Ben Taylor

As you may have seen, the wall project is complete. This was a huge project and I am so thankful to all those who took time to participate in getting this up and running. To the members of the sign committee, Beau Wingfield, Fran Wyatt, George Huddleston, David and Janell Ray, Jessica Hazzard, Peter Mason, Fran Frataccia, Stephanie D'Amico, and Jack Lokken – Thank you for the early help in solidifying our design.

I also want to thank all of you for your patience as we sought bids and contractors to take on the task of rebuilding the monument to our neighborhood. There were some unique challenges that we had to work through. I also am so appreciative of the work of Creative Signs. Matt DiSalvatore and the rest of the team there were so helpful. I enjoyed working with them. They were the only company who took the time to answer questions and to make good suggestions for us to consider. So, what is next? We are currently exploring ways to add some additional protection to the wall while still keeping things looking nice and tidy at the mall. Currently, we are looking at some landscape design options which would include Florida friendly plants, minimal maintenance, and some large rocks to add a bit of protection to avoid future accidents. If you have suggestions for us, please let Ben Taylor know.

There is Still Time to Contribute to the WPPCA Volunteer For the Orange County Elections

Each election year, the Winter Park Pines Community Association asks our residents to volunteer to work at the polls as a community project and a way to insure the success of our association. For the August 23, 2022 election date, we have four people who waved their hands to say "I will", one not even a WPP resident any longer but who considers herself part of the family! We can still use a couple more to participate. As a WPPCA volunteer the monies normally paid to you as a poll worker instead go directly into the WPPCA operation funds and we can certainly use it now! It is a long (7a.m. to 7p.m.) day but is fun, educational and very rewarding. A mandatory training is provided by Orange County prior to each election date.

The 2022 election dates are: August 23, 2022 for the Primary Election & November 8, 2022 for the General Election. Volunteer positions still open for the August 23rd election are: **ePoll Book Inspector - and*Voting System Inspector - ** If you are interested in learning how the election process works first hand while serving your community, please contact Denise Ertler email: deniseertler@gmail.com or phone/text: 407-671-1823

Annual Election to the Pines

A community association is a foundation of any strong residential community. You may be familiar with the concept of a Homeowner's Association (HOA) but the Pines does not have an HOA. What we do have is a community association made up of dedicated individuals who give their time and talents to serve as members of the executive board or board of directors. The association is supported by residents of the Pines who choose to financially contribute to support our community. The Winter Park Pines Community Association is an efficient non-profit association that works toward bettering our neighborhood. As with every association a strong Board of Directors is needed; board members who want the WPPCA to succeed and continue to assure the well-being of the Pines.

Those who decide to serve on the WPPC Association's Board of Directors do so to make a difference by getting involved in our community. They are willing to volunteer without compensation and view this as an opportunity to serve the Pines by enhancing our community's assets and lifestyle. As a representative, no matter what capacity, you are a team player and responsible for the direction the Pines takes in the future.

On October 12th, the Winter Park Pines will hold their "Annual Elections to the Board." It is when newly elected (or reelected) appointees are brought into the Association. You as Pines residents can enrich the association by becoming part of it! You can bring in new innovative ideas and find ways to enhance our community; social suggestions are always needed.

Any resident of the Pines is eligible and can submit a request for nomination or a recommendation for someone to run for the Board. Nominations can also be taken at the meeting.

If you are interested in contributing to your community for 2022/2023 please contact Ben Taylor, bentaylor1984@gmail.com, with your questions.

In Memory Of...

We are saddened to announce the passing of long time Pines resident, Virginia "Peeps" Carney. Peeps was born February 19th, 1929, in Catonsville, Maryland. As a youngster her father, a sound engineer, afforded her many opportunities to go back stage to events which included meeting Amelia Earhart at age 7. As a child her father gave her the nick name "Bo Peep" and it stuck with her for life, later shortened to Peeps. Growing up she loved visiting the Choptank River on Maryland's eastern shore with her best friend Betty. Peeps remembered working a drill press for her father during WWII making cable clamps for Western Electric. During the WWII blackouts she would walk the streets to make sure no lights were on as a Blackout Warden.



Peeps graduated from Catonsville High School at the young age 16. She attended University of Maryland and earned an Education (Science) degree. She met and married Gene Carney while attending UMD. They both graduated in 1949 at the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore. At the time it was the largest graduation class in many years because of returning veterans.

Living in Riverdale MD, she taught general biology for a few years and in 1951 began working for the C&P Telephone Co. They later moved to Hyattsville MD, Rockville MD and Darnestown MD. She would tell stories of working in DC when both Kennedy and MLK were assassinated and witnessed the riots firsthand. Peeps also worked for the Wilderness Society for a stint before returning to C&P and then AT&T when the companies split. AT&T offered her a job in Florida and she moved into Winter Park Pines in 1983.

Over the years her travels took her to England, Australia, British Columbia, the Galapagos Islands, as well as many interesting places throughout the US.

Peeps loved dogs (especially Great Danes) and had many pups throughout the years. She always said she may not remember a person's name but would never forget the name of someone's dog.

Peeps was loved by many and will be deeply missed. She is survived by her son Michael Carney, his wife Michele Carney, her daughter Kristine Carney Baker and her husband Brant Baker, her three grandchildren Kevin Baker, Jaime Baker and Andy Baker and many nieces and nephews and of course her dog Kelsey.



Are You A WPPCA Member?

Your contribution helps in every way to make Winter Park Pines one of the finest communities to live in. Below are some of the services and privileges we can continue providing when you pay your membership!

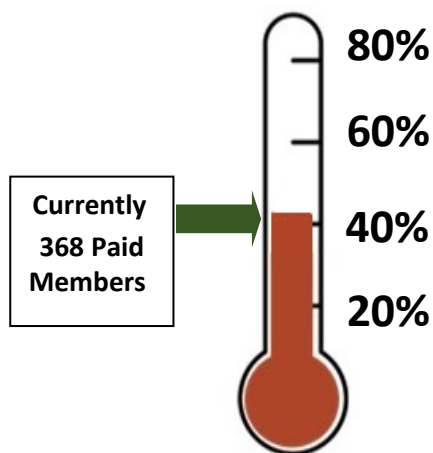
Service and Benefits

- Landscaping costs for the main PINES entrance on Aloma Avenue (the Mall).
- Maintenance of our neighborhood entry markers on Banchory, Cady Way, Scarlet and South Ranger.
- Publication of the “Needles from the PINES” newsletter for communication and information.
- Recognize deserving Yard of the Month and Holiday Decorations Awards.
- Management and hosting of association website.
- Special events & gatherings to promote the PINES spirit of community.
- Application for grants from Orange County and other agencies to enhance the Pines.
- Voting privileges at the membership meeting to elect officers & directors, approve budgets and other community actions.
- Ensure the association has emergency funds for unplanned expenses.

The 2022 Membership Drive has Begun!

Support your Winter Park Pines Community Today!

Goal: 901 Homes



As of 7/01/2022

Winter Park Pines Community Association, Inc. 2022 Membership Form

Member(s) Name(s): _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone # _____

Year Moved to the Pines: _____ Veteran? Y/N _____ Would you like to volunteer? Y/N _____

Membership Level: (Circle one): Standard: \$50 Bronze: \$60 Silver: \$80 Gold: \$100 Platinum: \$250+

Payment Methods

Pay on our website: www.winterparkpines.com

Mail check to : WPPCA – P.O. Box 5357 Winter Park, F 32793

Use the square option of your choice (below), then please email wppcamembership@gmail.com to confirm credit.



Standard \$50



Bronze \$60



Silver \$80



Gold \$100



Platinum \$250

June Yard of the Month



*1st Place -Joy Suhrheinrich
422 S. Ranger Blvd*



*2nd Place -Paul Lemieux
2859 Banchory Road*



*3rd Place -Rocky Carson
602 S. Ranger Blvd*

July Yard of the Month



*1st Place - Richard Sparks
2856 Cady Way*



*2nd Place -Joseph & Desiree McCluan
2937 Abbey Ct*



*3rd Place - Kim Daly
521 Friar Road*

To Your Door or Not To Your Door That is the Question!

On June 10th, the WPPA placed a poll on Nextdoor to the WPP residents pertaining to your preference in receiving your copy of the Needles; whether delivered directly to your door or if a bi-monthly digital placed on Nextdoor/Website would be sufficient for updating our Pines activities. We have had some responses (56 of 901) and would sure appreciate yours if you haven't voted as of yet. Please go to Nextdoor and choose an option. If you would like to contact directly please email deniseertler@gmail.com.

So sorry!...In the June/July the Needles Membership listing of paid members we regretfully omitted ...
Philip McCully - London Road - \$50 Standard Member



Back To School AUGUST 10TH

LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

August and September

August & September Holidays

AUGUST 8TH - ASHURA
SEPTEMBER 5TH - LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 11TH - 9/11 REMEMBRANCE
SEPTEMBER 26TH - ROSH HASHANAH

August 5th -
September 5th
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

SeaWorld is hosting their Craft Beer Festival beginning August 5th. This fun event will occur every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from August 5th to September 5th and will feature over 100 craft brews, wines, cocktails and seltzers. There will also be more than 20 food items expertly chosen to pair with your favorite brew and also live entertainment! Purchase tickets and find more information at www.seaworld.com/orlando/.

August 10th
All day

All Orange County schools are back in session.

August 11th
8:00 pm -
10:00 pm

The City of Winter Park is hosting a Popcorn Flick in the Tiedtke Amphitheater featuring "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire". This event is fun for the whole family and you're encourage to bring snacks and drinks! Tickets are FREE but you must register due to the limited space in the amphitheater. Visit www.cityofwinterpark.org for more information.

August 20th-21st
10:00 am -
5:00 pm

The Florida Kids & Family Expo is back and bringing a full day of fun and discovery to parents, grandparents, care givers, and soon to be parents. There will be 200+ exhibitors, 10+ Fun Zones, a Sports Zone, petting zoo, live demonstrations, and so much more! Tickets are only \$8 and can be bought online at www.mycentralfloridafamily.com/orlando-expo/.

September 1st - 2nd
8:00 am -
6:00 pm

Bok Tower Gardens has partnered with Wawa to offer FREE admission for their Wawa Summer Fun Days! Pre-registration is necessary to qualify for this awesome deal. Go to www.boktowergardens.org/wawa-summer-fun-days/ to register!

September 2nd -
October 31st Select
nights
6:30 pm

Halloween Horror Nights is BACK this year with more thrills and scares than ever before! There will be 10 themed Haunted Houses this year including "Blum House" and "Halloween", with more Haunted Houses being released throughout the month. There will also be 5 scare zones, 2 live shows and some exciting attractions. Be sure to go to www.universalorlando.com/hhn/en/us for more information and to purchase tickets!

September
23rd -24th
Time TBA

Do you like the cowboy life? Looking for a rodeo? Then head out to the Silver Spurs Arena for their Ranch Rodeo & Cowboy Heritage Festival! There will be all sorts of competitions, live demonstrations, and even a brisket cook-off. Tickets are \$10 per person and free for kids 10 years and under. More information and tickets can be found at www.floridacattlemen.org/ranch-rodeo/.

Hurricane Season Is Upon Us

It's early this year! The peak of hurricane season occurs between mid-August and late October when the waters in the equatorial Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico have warmed. Many residents are new to the community and may have questions. Below are tips to prepare for the season. Are you ready for a storm this year?

Build A Kit: Be sure you have at least 10 days of supplies. A basic emergency supply kit includes:

- Water – a gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation, or 10 gallons per person
- Food – at least a 10 day supply of non-perishable food per person
- Non-electric can opener
- Pet food and extra water
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and paper towels
- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Propane gas
- Batteries
- Flashlights or solar lamps
- Cash in large and small bills
- Important family documents

Protect Your Pets:

- *Arrange a safe room at home for your pets.* It should be clear of hazards such as tools, debris or toxic products.
- *Seek out a nearby shelter.* Ask about the type of pets they accept, any limits on size or other pet-specific restrictions.
- *Designate someone to take care of your pet.* Consider a trusted person who has interacted with your pet.
- *Get a proper pet carrier.* Make sure it has room to spare.
- *Food and water*
- *Basic first-aid kit.* Include latex gloves and antibiotic ointment. Needed medicines
- *Important documents.*
- Collar/ harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash. Pets should wear their collars at all times.
- *Sanitation.* Keep newspapers and trash bags handy.
- *Familiar items.* Favorite toys, treats and bedding can help reduce stress.
- *A picture of you and your pet together.* It can help document ownership and identify your pet.

Be Financially Prepared:

- *Keep some cash handy.* Banks and ATMs may be inaccessible if there are power outages or curfews.
- *Set aside money in an emergency fund.* Keep your emergency funds in a safe, easily accessible account.
- *Set aside an emergency-only credit card.*
- *Check your insurance coverage.* Contact your agent to ensure you're adequately covered and understand exclusions. Don't forget coverage for your car.

Assess Your Sheltering Need:

- Identify where you will shelter be.
- Keep the gas tank at least half full in case you need your vehicle to leave the area.
- Consider the costs associated with disasters.
- Inform your family and friends of your sheltering location.
- Collect and update your personal and financial records and documents.

Be Prepared and Stay Informed! Be sure to listen for up-to-date information. Sign up for alerts from your local emergency management office so notifications, including evacuation orders, go directly to your phone and email.

More information websites...

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>,

<https://hurricanesafety.org/prepare/hurricane-safety-checklists/>

2022 Needles Sponsors



Amy Turner- The Turner Group

I moved to Florida in 2000 and graduated from Florida State University with my Bachelor's in Social Work. Colin is a Maitland/Winter Park native, and was even born at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. He graduated from Florida State University with his Bachelor's in Sports Management. We met while we were both attending FSU and upon graduation Colin began working at the Golf Channel in Orlando, when he became the company's youngest Director. I followed to Orlando and completed my Master's Degree in Counseling while working in the Education Department at Full Sail University and later worked as a Guidance Counselor for OPCS. Once we decided to start a family, we knew we wanted to live in The Pines. I was drawn to The Pines because of the young families and diverse community. I loved everything the community had to offer... sidewalks, Cady Way Trail, pool, multiple parks, great schools and more! We moved into the neighborhood in July 2013 and love calling it home. We have lucked out with the best of neighbors as we have created lifelong adult friendships as well as best friends for our two children, Hailey and Brooks. As my children began to grow up in our home I noticed that we have so many great resources at our fingertips however few organized community events took place. Therefore, I initiated community gatherings such as Santa in the Park, Food Trucks on the Fairway and the WPP Moms Group. I was approached by our association in 2015 and asked to take on our Annual Community Garage Sale. I gladly accepted the Events Coordinator volunteer position with the WPPCA. In addition to the Community Garage Sale, I also started our Annual National Night Out community event to promote knowing your neighbors and community safety. I proudly continue to serve on the Winter Park Pines Community Association Board because I want to ensure that I can create and surround my family with a strong sense of community and show them by example of how to give back. Our real estate team, The Turner Group sponsors and hosts additional events for The Pines and surrounding areas such as Movies on the Fairway/Drive-In Movies, WPHS sponsorships and fundraising, partnership of events with Winter Park Parks and Rec, Annual Santa on the Fairway and more! I want to continue to improve our neighborhood and encourage getting to know your neighbors. I am thankful I made the jump from Education to Real Estate in 2015 to grow and fulfill my dreams to help others and families create their American Dream and have a strong sense of community, all while giving back. I am grateful to live in such a great neighborhood surrounded by amazing neighbors. I will continue to support our community association, our neighborhood and bring fun events to where we live! Our passion and love for the Winter Park Pines is evident in our business as well. We look forward to continuing to be the #1 Realtors in the neighborhood and help bring more wonderful neighbors into our community. Thank you for the opportunity to be a sponsor for the needles!

A Big Thank You to Scot!!!

For the last four years Winter Park Pines has been fortunate enough to have Scot Myers work with us as the Graphic Designer of our Needles. He has been a dedicated, tolerant and artistic contribution to the Pines and to the Needles. Pretty notable for someone who doesn't reside in the Pines and did it as a compliment to his mother who does reside here.

Due to illness Scot has decide to concentrate on getting healthy. We wish him well and thank him so much for all he has contributed to our community. We will miss him.

WPPCA – Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2022 @ 7:30pm via zoom

Directors in attendance: Denise Ertler (2nd VP), Fran Frataccia, Brent Ludlow, Ben Taylor, Amy Turner, Michelle Deleon;

Directors absent: Peter Mason (President), Chris Hyma (Treasurer); **WPPCA Members in attendance:** Ansi Fernandes; **WPPCA Non-Members in attendance:** None; **Guest in attendance:** None

Meeting called to order by WPPCA 2nd Vice President, Denise Ertler at 7:40pm. A quorum was present. The 2nd VP welcomed everyone present.

Officer Reports: President: Denise provided an update of Peter's health.

Secretary: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Chris's was unable to attend the meeting, but provided his report electronically. Checking and Savings account statement for month ended 4/30/2022. Our saving account balance is \$39,17.34 with no activity during the except for \$0.64 of interest earned. Our checking account balance is \$6,522.15. A deposit of \$640 on 4/25 which was related to membership dues and an estoppel fee from the previous month. Chris is currently researching on the steps we need to take on filing our 1120-H tax exemption form. Chris has not had a chance to get our financials back on QuickBooks and continue to track expenses manually. The 2022 membership page is updated for members that have been paid via check. The members that have been paid through PayPal and Square will need to be updated by our membership committee. Chris reached out to Amy Turner on 3/23 with a few follow up questions about expenses incurred for the community garage sale as he will need to reimburse her for the WPPC Garage Sale expenses. Fran motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ben seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously with no abstentions.

1st Vice President: There was no report since the position is open. 2nd Vice President: Denise Ertler did not have anything to report as the 2nd VP.

Committee Reports: Code Enforcement: Fran Frataccia reported 10 incidents from March 2022 to April 2022. They included parking multiple violations, an assault battery, theft fraud-counterfeit, felony drug arrest, burglary to a residence and the abundance of trash in one yard.

Events: Amy stated the community garage sale went well with 38 homes holding the event. 32 paid for registrations. More signs were ordered so we have a good stock for upcoming years. Amy thanked Fran and Collin for their help. Everyone was happy with the turn out. Goodwill truck was full. She is anticipating needing 2 Goodwill trucks for next year.

Facebook: Jessica was not in attendance. No report was provided.

Mall Maintenance: Fran Frataccia said the first islands power was off, Chris was called. He came out to check the power. Sprinklers

are working fine but the grass is brown in certain spots. She worked on getting quotes for the lawn maintenance and mulching. She provided a list of quotes from some local vendors ranging between \$750 - \$950/mo. The group decided to continue with our current vendor for one more month to allow Fran to gather more detailed information from other vendors. Voting on new lawn vendor could possibly be done electronically to avoid disruption in service.

Membership: Michelle reported that the dues received for the year are \$20,975. 340 homes have paid which is 37.7%. She stated Melissa Johnson did a great job putting a door hanger together but there may be a postponement of using at this time due to possible design issues. Michelle wants to do another campaign but work has stalled due to bandwidth issues. Michelle's goal for membership is to reach 40%. Amy offered to provide a 2nd set of eyes for design changes. Michelle also suggested to have it done in time for the next distribution of the Needles. Michelle thought it would be a good idea to create a special QR Code to our PayPal to facilitate payments easier when the next campaign is launched. Goal is to complete the design by the end of May.

Needles: Denise asked for articles to be submitted as soon as possible. We will include paid members and working to be sure we double check all the paid members are included. Brent asked if we were accepting sponsorships from outside residents. As we are not able to accept advertising funds because of our non-profit status at this time. The advertising possibilities were discussed to look into finding out if outside advertisements can be accepted

New Neighbors: Michelle reported that not much has been done recently. She is working on an article for an upcoming Needles.

Website: Kim was not present, but the website is being updated.

Yard of the Month: Brent provided the May winners. He also reported that his idea to increase prizes with gift cards fell apart due to participation issues.

• *April 2022* – 1st Place - Michael Gully, 2866 Will O the Green / 2nd Place - Kim Burke, 2734 Sandwell Drive / 3rd Place – Jamie Carbery, 733 St Dustin Way.

• *May 2022* - 1st Place - Diane B Buchanan, 2746 Prince John Road / 2nd Place – John Petro, 102 S Ranger Blvd. / 3rd Place – Elizabeth O'Neill and Jim Luttrell, 2707 Prince John Road

Old Business: Mall/Sign: Ben requests updates weekly. Our project manager updated Ben on the footer removed so they can install the new sign. They are in fabrication. We expect to have a start date soon and he hopes to document it online.

New Business: Next Meeting: Our next meeting is June 15th at 7:30. We hope that Peter will be back to lead the meeting.

Closing: Denise thanked everyone for attending: Motion: Ben motioned to adjourn the meeting; Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions. Denise adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.



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